

**The Redeemed Christian Church of God  
Open Heavens Assembly, Johannesburg**

**Digging Deep**

**KEYS TO DIVINE CONNECTION: DILIGENCE & HOLINESS**

**Text:** Prov.6: 8-9, 1Pet.1: 15-16

**INTRODUCTION**

God has divine connections lined up for our lives as His children, yet many Christians are not enjoying the full, abundant and purposeful life which our Lord Jesus promised in Jn.10:10. Once we are separated from our source, either by sin or failure to act by the principles of God, a disconnection occurs; Jn.15:5. May we never be disconnected from our one and true source in Jesus name.

**A. DILIGENCE**

Is the act of carrying out any work or duty consistently and effectively. It is the dedication or fervency God calls us to invest in each task that we perform. Col. 3:23-24. To every work there is a skill required and behind every excellent performance is strategic work and organised rhythm. Not all hard work will culminate in success, the scripture clearly states that the labour of the fool wearies all of them because he doesn't know how to get to the city. Eccl.10:15, the strategy is how to partner with the Holy Spirit to exercise diligence in very area of our lives. A diligent Christian will be divinely connected. Deut.4:9, Prov.4:23, Prov 22:29, Heb.11:6.

**B. HOLINESS**

Holiness is more than just applying certain rules of the church religiously or acting out sanctimoniously. Holiness is the very essence of God. We practice holiness when we manifest God's character in our lives as we obey and live by his words. It is an outward indicator of an inward spiritual state. It is a decision we take and we live out the process. For all God's children it is not optional but a command. 1 Pet. 1:15-16. Without the key of Holiness, access to the divinity is denied. Lev. 20:26, 1Thess.4:7, Heb.12:14, Psa.96:9. We can live and maintain a life of holiness by separating ourselves from the entanglement of the world, being watchful, prayerful and living in submission to the Holy Spirit. Lev.20:7-8, Matt 26: 41, Col.3:5 -9, 2 Cor. 6:14 &17.

**C. BENEFITS OF DILIGENCE AND HOLINESS**

1. Success and Fulfillment. Prov.13:4, Josh.1:8
2. Enjoyment of blessings. Prov.10: 4, 12:27, Ex.15:26
3. Honour, Authority, Victory over enemies. Prov.12:24, 22:29
4. Peace. Prov.21:5, Job 22: 29
5. Assurance of everlasting life. Rm.6:22, Matt.19:27-29
6. Answered prayers. Prov.15:8

**CONCLUSION**

To receive divine connection from God, be encouraged to take up these keys of diligence and holiness and use them, remembering God's provision for you. " I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me" Phil.4:13.